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Peninsula's Fifth Annual Plein Air Competition Seeking Artists

Celebrating the importance of the Cuyahoga River and the beauty of the Cuyahoga Valley

Brecksville, Ohio –Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and the Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce details of the *Fifth Annual Plein Air Competition-Along the Crooked River: 100 Years Later*. This plein air event will take place in Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Village of Peninsula, Friday through Sunday, June 7 to 9, 2013.


En plein air is a French expression referring to the process of painting “in the open air”. Peninsula’s competition, which has drawn participants from around the country, invites artists of two-dimensional art medium to paint at selected sites in the Village of Peninsula, as well as locations along the Cuyahoga River. The decision to highlight the river this year is in commemoration of the massive Flood of 1913 that engulfed the Cuyahoga Valley and destroyed the Ohio and Erie Canal.

Artwork must be created on site in the true impromptu plein air style. The competition is open to artists 18 years of age and there is no limit on the number of pieces of artwork produced during the competition. However, only two pieces may be submitted for judging. Prizes will be awarded. Artwork created during the competition will be displayed at Peninsula Art Academy Gallery from Saturday, June 29 through Saturday, August 10, 2013, and will be for sale.

Registration for participants is now open and will continue through the end of the event. For more information visit www.explorepenninsula.com/plein-air-competition, or contact Debra or Steve Bures at 330-657-2788.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

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The Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce is comprised of shops, galleries, museums, businesses, organizations, and eateries in the Valley. The Chamber works to welcome and to invite visitors to “Explore Peninsula and Experience all we have to offer”. With annual events and seasonal celebrations centered around the arts, agriculture, history and folklore, Peninsula truly offers something for everyone.

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